



Branching Out

July 31, 2009

The mission of Three Rivers Environmental Educators is to promote collaboration of resources and provide networking opportunities for environmental educators in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula areas of Virginia.

TREE meetings:

September 17 Meeting: Northumberland County Library in Heathsville from 11 to 2pm. Guest speaker will be Dr. Jeff Kirwin, author of *Remarkable Trees of Virginia*.

The Winter meeting will be at Friends of the Rappahannock. Details coming soon!

Start thinking of nominations for officers. It is certainly OK to nominate yourself! Next spring I will have been president for 2 years, and I think it is fair to give some else a chance.

Local Events:

Mini-Girl Scout Leader Kick Off on the Northern Neck:

GS Leader Kick Off in Warsaw on Thursday, August 6 from 6-8 pm.

If anyone is interested in attending and giving a brief (5-10 minute) presentation on their organization, facility, etc, please contact Wendy Mataya at wmataya@comgirlscouts.org. We would also be happy to distribute literature about your organization -- just mail flyers to Wendy at Girl Scout Office, PO Box 184, Mollusk, VA 22517.

Other Events:

Project WET Workshop

August 12th, 9am-3:30pm, Virginia Beach Ag Bldg.

The workshop is limited to 20 participants. Lunch will be provided. To register for the workshop please e-mail: Kathleen N. Hickman, District Education/Administrative Coordinator at khickman@ybgov.com or call (757) 385-8589.

Introduction to the Biology and Identification of Virginia Insects

September 3, 2009, 8am-4:30pm, VIMS, Gloucester Point

Lunch included. There is no charge for registration, but pre-registration is required. Deadline for registration: August 20, 2009

For more information or to register, contact: syerdle@vims.edu

River and Beach Cleanups

September 1st-October 31st, Virginia (statewide)

Would you like to help Virginia's waterways and environment by donating a few hours of your time this autumn? Clean Virginia Waterways (affiliated with Longwood University) is busy signing up SITE CAPTAINS to lead river, stream and beach cleanups ALL OVER VIRGINIA as part of the annual VIRGINIA WATERWAYS CLEANUP! This statewide event involves thousands of volunteers, and is part of a worldwide effort to clean our oceans - the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup. To be a Site Captain, and organize a cleanup in your community, please visit <http://www.longwood.edu/cleanva/iccva.htm>

Free Tools and other Cool Stuff

[How to Build a Successful Fundraising Team](#)

Baseball has been used for over a century as a metaphor for many of life's challenges. In this nine-part series, GrantStation CEO Cindy Adams uses the baseball metaphor to help organizations learn how to better manage community volunteers in order to expand and strengthen their fundraising capabilities. This series focuses on transforming a dedicated group of volunteers into a viable fundraising team. Click on the link provided above to read the fifth article, "Play Ball! Hitting It out of the Park."

Multimedia Resources on Nature and the Environment

The Library of Congress has compiled a collection of resources supporting education on nature and the environment. The multimedia resources include presentations, exhibitions, Webcasts, news, and classroom materials.

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/the...>

Tools with a Cost:

Watershed Investigations Hands-On Learning

NSTA's new publication *Watershed Investigations: 12 Labs for High School Science* is for teachers who use experiment-based environmental science curriculum and want to include studying the relationships between human impact and local hydrology. Lesson plans included may meet state and national standards.

http://www.nsta.org/store/product_detail.aspx?id=...

Grants, Volunteers, and Funding:

New website to register your volunteer projects

President Obama has recently unveiled an initiative calling on all Americans to help in our nation's recovery by volunteering in their communities this summer. The President's call to summer service launches United We Serve, a sustained effort to expand the size and impact of volunteer efforts in addressing tough challenges facing the nation.

To make it easy for Americans to get involved, the President is urging Americans to visit [Serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov). Visitors to [Serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov) can type in their zip code to find local volunteer opportunities, recruit volunteers by [registering their organization's projects](#), or get [ideas for creating their own projects](#) with friends, families, and neighbors. Plan a project, join a project and register your project at www.serve.gov.

Grant applications are reviewed twice a year: February 16th or August 17th.

The Gannett Foundation Community Action Grants support local groups involved in education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation, and cultural enrichment. Average grant ranges from \$1,000 - \$5,000. See eligibility and other rules for application: <http://www.gannettfoundation.org/guidelines.htm>

Jobs

Associate Director for Resources

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (www.acb-online.org) is seeking an Associate Director for Resources. This is a senior level position. The Associate Director will work closely with the Executive Director in the areas of Grants Management, Finance and Development. General responsibilities will include: grants administration, oversight of financial operations and assistance to the Executive Director in fundraising and implementing a strategic development plan.

The successful applicant will have a background in grants administration, especially with federal agencies, proposal development and a solid understanding of accounting principles and reporting. Prior relevant experience and a commitment to the mission and strategies of the Alliance are essential. We expect excellent communication skills, proficiency with current technology, attention to accuracy and detail, the ability to multi-task, and to work as part of a team.

Candidates should send an email to mail@acb-online.org with a cover letter, resume and three references by Friday, August 21, 2009.

Got news, job postings, events, or other information to share? Want to brag about awards? Hear about something that would be of interest to members? Send them to charlene.talcott@dcr.virginia.gov